

Meditation 11, Psalms 21 & 22: “God Did Not Abandon the Crucified One.”



“O LORD, the king rejoices in Your strength; how greatly he exults in Your victory...For the king trusts in the LORD; Through the faithfulness of the Most High, he will not be shaken... For they schemed against You; they laid plans, but could not succeed...” 21:2, 8, 12

“My God, my God, why have You abandoned me; why are you so far from delivering me and from my anguished roaring? All who see me mock me; they curl their lips, they shake their heads. ‘Let him commit himself to the LORD; let Him rescue him, let Him save him, for He is pleased with him.’ They divide my clothes among themselves, casting lots for my garments...You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, honor Him! Be in dread of Him, all you offspring of Israel! For He did not scorn, He did not spurn the plea of the lowly; He did not hide His face from him; when he cried out to Him, He listened...Offspring shall serve Him; the LORD's fame shall be proclaimed to the generation to come; they shall tell of His beneficence to people yet to be born, for He has acted. 22:2, 8, 9, 19,24, 25,31, 32

Centuries after the enemies of King David sought to remove him from his throne Jesus quoted the opening lines of Psalm 22 from the cross. He did not curse those who put him there; he blessed them with a prayer of forgiveness. Resurrected after his sufferings, Jesus appeared and preached to crowds of his disciples. Empowered by the gift of the Spirit of God, those crowds have become multitudes, uncountable as the stars of heaven. God’s promise has been fulfilled.

Prayer: “LORD, cause me to hope in the glories you have in store for those who love you. Amen.”